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is the Continuation of
application of: SHIMIZU et al.

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For: **PURCHASED COMMODITY ACCOMMODATING AND TRANSPORTING
APPARATUS HAVING SELF SCANNING FUNCTION AND POS SYSTEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

27. A method of a purchasing commodities by a consumer using a transportable
container, the consumer performing the steps of:

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- (a) selecting a first commodity to be purchased at a first selection site;
 - (b) reading a first commodity code of the first commodity at the first selection site,

using a commodity code reader attached to the transportable container; and

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